

Methacton Coordinating Council
Monthly Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

I. Attendance

Jessica Fields	Michelle Petko	Reba Mann	Nikki Krelovich
Gabby Winters	Michelle Price	Laurie O'Neill	Mary Katona
Megan Fitzgerald	Courtney Kusy	Shane Bone	Jenn Zavertnik
Marie Kramer	Amy Smith	Katie Shireman	Maureen Malachowski
Michelle Jackson-Greenawalt		Kathleen Bacon	

II. Key Communicator: Dr. Mary Katona

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment spoke. She talked about career readiness, curriculum, etc. looking to see how we can improve upon what we are already doing well and in areas that need improvement. Dr. Zerbe will be the speaker for January's meeting.

III. Methacton Post Prom: Maureen Malachowski

Non Profit supported by Methacton Home & Schools, Parents and Community.

This is the 20th Anniversary.

Approximately 400-450 volunteers and the event takes a year of planning.

Volunteers are needed!

Students arrive around 11pm and are locked in until 5:30AM. If they want to leave sooner, they must have a parent speak with a Post Prom representative.

This year Post Prom will be open from 10pm – 11pm for special needs students.

There will be a dinner / dance fundraiser 3/9/19. Methacton Post Prom will be looking for donations and sponsorships.

Prom is 4/26/19 – Music Theme this year "Don't Stop Believing."

IV. Methacton Education Foundation: Nikki Krelovich

MEF grants are continuing to come in. They fund based on STEM, college readiness, and economically disadvantaged children. Good response from the staff donation campaign to MEF of approximately 30% participation and Eagleville had the highest participation winning them a luncheon. A large portion of the Administration and School Board donated as well.

Nikki recognized that we all, H&S and MEF are requesting money and how do we not step on each other toes. We will continue to work together so each can benefit from donations and what programs get funded from where.

V. School Board Report

The School Board would like to emphasize is that we are REALLY looking for feedback regarding plans for Arrowhead that were discussed in our recent Special Meeting on 11/8. We seek many opinions and voices about the future path of our district and the comment period on that meeting is open through 11/27. The meeting video, handout and email to send comments are all online. Only a handful of parents who have children in the district got up and

commented that night (we know it's hard to do). We are seeking a broad range of views from parents, and not just from Arrowhead parents. This discussion involves possible full day kindergarten, educational equity for all our kids, new housing being developed in the district, etc. The updated enrollment report will be presented at our 11/20 work session and that becomes a part of this discussion as well. The conversation involves all schools and students, not just Arrowhead, so we hope everyone will take the time to look at the information and provide feedback to the Board.

VI. Meeting Minutes from October – Approved.

VII. Officer Reports

A. President's Report – Megan Fitzgerald

1. Home & School Presentations at the School Board Meetings.

Gabby's H&S presentation to the school board regarding Methacton's Volunteers got postponed until January so we can include more of what has recently been learned of H&S and volunteers contributing to educational programs at other elementary schools which many were not aware of.

2. License for Games.

The district has a license for small games of chance in order to hold raffles, bingo etc. All buildings should have the license posted in the building

3. Art Goes to School increased by \$80 per school and it was decided to pay the budgeted amount of \$400 then revisit the increase before next year's budgets are done. \$80 increase was because Audubon's closing so their cost was redistributed. It was brought up if this is something we could write a grant for to MEF.

B. Vice President's Report – Laurie O'Neill

Parent inquired if the Home & Schools would be interested in an Author Workshop at the schools – "The Boogieman is in your pocket." The Book is on the dangers of cellphones and children. More information to come.

C. Treasurer's Report – Jessica Fields

All reports are need ASAP – Year End, Budgets, and 1st quarter (July-Sept). Report templates can be found on the Methacton School District Website. 2nd Quarter report (Oct-Dec) is due 1/15/19.

D. Corresponding Secretary's Report – Kathleen Bacon

Please remember to make your school "Private" on Konstella

E. Recording Secretary's Report – Jennifer Daugherty / Courtney Kusy – No report

VIII. Special Education Alliance

Thursday 11/15/2018 they will have a speaker on Dyslexia and Dysgraphia. Dining out fundraising on 1/30 at Margaritas in Lansdale and Collegeville. No meeting in December. At the last meeting a PA advocacy group came out and discussed IEPs – very information, found multiple complaints that could be filed.

IX. Old/New Business

Request to see if we could limit committee and speaker presentations in order to keep meeting to a manageable length.

X. Next meeting January, 14th at 7:00 pm

XI. Adjourned at approx. 9:05pm